

Woman found dead under freeway identified

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A woman found slain Monday morning under a freeway overpass in West Oakland was identified yesterday by police as Teresa Ann Greenlee, 26.

Greenlee, who had been shot the head, was found by a person walking in the 3400 block of Louise Street.

Homicide Sgt. Robert Chenault said Greenlee was last seen alive about 11 p.m. Sunday in the 2300 block of San Pablo Avenue. Anyone with information about the killing is asked to call police at 273-3821.

Police discover similarities in prostitute deaths

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Five prostitutes who worked downtown and in West Oakland have been slain in the last three months but police are not fully convinced the same person is responsible.

"We could have one killer or we could have five killers," one investigator said yesterday.

Three of the victims were shot to death. Two were savagely beaten. Except that all the women had records of arrests for prostitution or sex-related offenses and worked the same areas there are not that many other similarities, investigators said.

"The similarities cannot be ignored, but it's a little premature at this point to say if they're connected," Capt. Jim Hahn said.

Added homicide Sgt. Robert Chenault: "There are similarities between them, but there are also numerous differences."

The five slayings are grim reminders that the world's oldest profession is among the most dangerous, but have not stopped prostitutes from trading sex for money.

Connie, who works 36th Street near the California Hotel, said most of the prostitutes "have to be out here — no matter what — to pay for their drugs. They're so doped up they can't stop."

'We could have one killer or we could have five killers.'

— A police investigator

Another prostitute, working near 29th and San Pablo, said she thinks many other street-walkers won't stop working "because they don't think it's gonna be them."

"It's not an issue of getting in the car or if they're going to die," said the woman, who asked that her name not be used. "They just think it just won't be them."

The woman said all prostitutes, including herself, are taking more precautions, like refusing "car dates" unless the customer is a regular.

"You can screen the man more carefully, of course, but how can you be sure? What can you do to fight against a gun?"

The most recent victim was Debra Lynn Adkins, 29, found bludgeoned to death Sunday morning at the entrance to Roberts Park on Skyline Boulevard in the Oakland hills.

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Adkins, who lived in downtown Oakland, had been released from the Oakland City Jail about 11:45 p.m. Saturday after being arrested earlier in the day for public drunkenness, said Sgt. Dana Weaver of the East Bay Regional Park District Police, who is investigating her death.

According to Oakland Municipal Court records, Adkins has been arrested and charged in the past after being caught engaging in sex acts with men in their vehicles at different downtown locations.

Her sister, Deborah Stilwell, of Cloverdale, said learning about her sister's prostitution background was a shock to her.

"Whenever I saw her she was up and positive," Stilwell said.

Stilwell said her sister was given up for adoption by their mother at birth, but when her adopted mother died some 15 years ago "she came looking for us."

She said Adkins never turned down legitimate employment and had worked as a waitress and railroad steward.

The other four killings are being investigated by Oakland police, who have compared notes with EBRPD police. The victims are:

■ Teresa Ann Greenlee, 26, found slain Sept. 25 under a freeway overpass in the 3400 block of Louise Street in West Oakland. She had been shot in the head. She was last seen alive the night before, walking in the 2300 block of San Pablo Avenue.

■ Five days earlier, on Sept. 20, Annie Green, 29, was found shot to death just a few blocks away at 36th and Peralta streets,

also underneath a freeway overpass. Green who lived in West MacArthur Boulevard motels, was known to work the 3000 block of San Pablo Avenue. Besides arrests for prostitution, court records show arrests for drug offenses.

■ Kim Williams, 24, a shooting victim, was found partially nude about 7 a.m. Sept. 6 beside the steps at the rear entrance to Oakland's Rose Garden at Vernon Street and Monte Vista Avenue. Known to police and co-workers alike as Chocolate, she also lived in West MacArthur motels and was known to frequent San Pablo Avenue.

■ The other beating victim was Mary Sims, 29, whose nude body was found on the doorstep of a home in the 3200 block of Kansas Street in East Oakland July 31. Sims, who was also known as Mary Boccalini, Mary E. Crisp and Crystal Sims, had last been seen about 5 p.m. the previous day in the area of 19th and Castro streets, police said.

Investigators feel that all the victims were probably picked up by their killers and so far police have spent dozens of hours interviewing prostitutes and others hoping to find someone who may have witnessed the women getting into cars.

Slaying victim was admired by her younger sister

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To Cassandra Greenlee, 22, Theresa Greenlee was far more than a victim who had fallen on the hardest of times.

Theresa Greenlee was her only, and older sister, and someone Cassandra looked up to.

Theresa Greenlee, 26, was found shot to death Sept. 25 under a freeway overpass in the 3400 block of Louise Street in West Oakland. She was the fifth woman police say was a prostitute found slain over the last three months.

A suspect, Dewain Hall, has

been arrested and charged with her and another prostitute's murder.

While Cassandra Greenlee said there had been changes in her sister lately, she didn't know about her other life, which took place in strangers' cars and in motels.

"I really don't know what happened, but she wasn't the way she used to be," Greenlee said yesterday from her Oakland home. "She was a really pretty girl. She was intelligent."

She last saw her sister the weekend before she was killed.

"She talked to me and asked

about things she had never talked about before. She kept asking me if I had ever tried drugs, and she told me 'Don't, because you can lose everything.'"

After graduating from McClymonds High School in 1980, Theresa Greenlee worked a number of jobs, including a stint as a secretary at the Naval Air Station, and office work at the Social Security Administration office in Richmond.

It upset her family to see her branded as a prostitute.

"All you hear is prostitute, hooker and then they show this

picture," Greenlee said. "We have other pictures of her that were beautiful."

Last Monday, Theresa Greenlee was scheduled to start a job training program, her sister said. "She could have changed," she added.

Theresa Greenlee's daughters, who are 1 and 2, and her 9-year-old son are being taken care of by their grandmother.

As Greenlee talked about the older sister who used to take her to the movies and on double dates, one sentiment kept surfacing: "This is not how she always was."

Man held in 2 Oakland prostitute slayings

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A Richmond man is in custody in connection with the shooting deaths of two Oakland prostitutes and the wounding of a third, and has admitted committing all three crimes, investigators said last night.

Homicide investigators Sgts. Dan Mercado and Robert Chenault said the suspect, Dewain Hall, 25, last night admitted the shootings. He had been arrested after a woman he told about the shootings led police to him, the officers said. He allegedly told investigators the women were shot because "they didn't act right."

Hall is not a suspect at this time in the slayings of four other Oakland prostitutes in the last three months. Investigators say those killings may be unrelated to each other.

The witness who turned in Hall is also a prostitute, and said Hall forced her to shoot a man at

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random so she would be implicated in a crime and not go to police, according to Mercado and Chenault.

Hall reportedly admitted the Sept. 25 killing of Teresa Ann Greenlee, 26, who was found shot in the head under a freeway overpass in the 3400 block of Louise Street, and the Sept. 20 murder of Annie Green, 29, who was shot to death a few blocks away at Peralta and 36th streets.

He also reportedly admitted wounding a prostitute who was shot Sept. 24 near 34th and San Pablo streets when she refused to date him, police said. That woman has identified Hall as her assailant, police said.

Although all the women singled out were prostitutes who worked along San Pablo Avenue, "there is nothing to indicate (Hall) had a vendetta against prostitutes," Lt. Mike Sims said.

Police arrested Hall Monday night after a woman involved in a disturbing the peace incident on San Pablo Avenue told Officer Daniel Preciado she had information about the deaths of two prostitutes, authorities said.

The woman was terrified, Mercado said, but decided to come forward because "her conscience got to her."

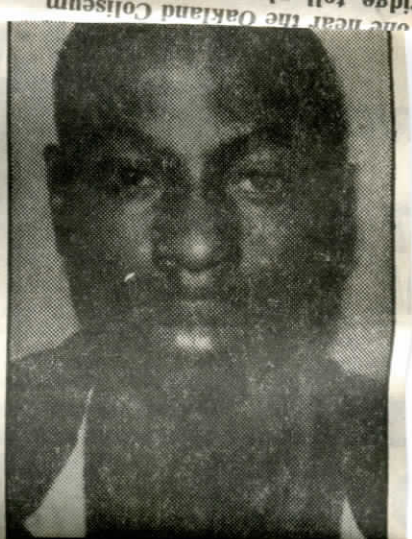
The woman, whose name is being withheld by police, told homicide investigators she was working as a prostitute on a West Oakland street on Sept. 19 when Hall kidnapped her at gunpoint and sexually assaulted her in his car.

The woman said she later was released, but encountered Hall on the street the next day and was taken by him to an undisclosed location to clean his 1978 gray Cadillac.

While with her, Hall talked to her about the killing of Green, the woman told police.

Investigators said they have found blood stains and at least one expended bullet inside the Cadillac, which is one of five vehicles allegedly used by Hall that police have seized.

The woman said on Oct. 7 she again was picked up by Hall who forced her at gunpoint to select a man at random in North Oakland and shoot him so she would not be able to "snitch or go to police" about Hall, said Chenault.



Dewain Hall

Arrested in slayings



Annie Green

Found on 36th Street

violation.

Prostitutes working San Pablo Avenue last night expressed relief that police have a suspect in custody.

Salina, 25, who was walking San Pablo Avenue and 34th Street, said she still planned to take whatever precautions she could.

Because she recently married, Salina said she's only working about once a month during the day. And, she tries to be selective about the car she climbs into.

"The ones in suits are crack-pots," she said. "If they come with painting (working) clothes, then I'll mess with them. If they've been drinking, I don't mess with them."

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The victim was a man who had left a pizza parlor and was walking home in the 6300 block of Chabot Road.

The woman said Hall pointed a pistol at her, and said, "Either you shoot him or I shoot you," according to authorities.

The man was hit by a shotgun blast at point blank range and is still hospitalized in stable condition.

Police said the woman will not be charged in that shooting, but Hall has been booked for attempted murder.

Police said they recovered the shotgun allegedly used in the shooting in one of Hall's vehicles.

Hall is married with an infant child and is a former Navy enlisted man, police said.

According to court records, he was paroled from state prison in September 1988 after serving time for robbing a San Leandro music store of \$200.

He also has a misdemeanor conviction in Oakland for possession of stolen property.

Hall is being held without bail on two counts of murder, two counts of attempted murder, one count of kidnapping and a parole

mess with them."

Catrina, who said she's 18, carries a kitchen knife in her pocket — just in case.

"You never know who you're getting into the car with," she said, as she waited on the corner of 28th Street and San Pablo Avenue. "I've only been going with regulars."

But now that a suspect has been nabbed, she said, she may again "date" others.